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**From:** Mullen, Madeline  
**Sent:** Thur 4/7/2016 8:50:39 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Hotline Complaint 2016-0125 Request

Got it!  
Madeline

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**From:** Brendle, Joanne  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 07, 2016 1:33 PM  
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And GMO Paula VanHaagen would like to be copied as well.

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 07, 2016 12:59 PM

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Will do! No problem.

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Yvette Downs is the Grants Specialist on this award and would like to be included in further correspondence. Thanks. JoAnne

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Hello,

**Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy**

I attached the article as you requested. Our Public Affairs staff look at the news every day to find articles related to EPA issues, and that article popped up. I believed that someone in Region 10 knew about the decision, if indeed there was a decision, and could confirm it. I would like to verify whether the article's statements about EPA are true. Should I ask Mark MacIntyre? Would he have been the person who communicated with the news media? I don't want to present anything to our management based on a news article that may or may not be correct, so we would appreciate confirmation of whether or not there was a change.

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 07, 2016 10:55 AM

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Hello,

Unfortunately, we can't wait that long. ☹ We just need a few sentences or bullet points to confirm whether or not EPA has changed its position, if the Region has any plans to follow up with NWIFC, and if so, what the Region might do. Please provide these snippets of information by Friday. I understand that everyone is very busy, but we need to meet with our management early next week. If the Region does not want to put anything in writing at this point, we can cover it in a 5 or 10 minute conversation. We appreciate your cooperation.

Thanks!  
Madeline

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Hi Madeline,

It looks like Peter Murchie will be the contact for your inquiry below.

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I am aware of two back-to-back conferences that impact Peter and team availability for the next week or so, ( i.e. the Salish & Sea Ecosystem Conference in Canada, followed by the Puget Sound Conference).

I will follow up with Peter upon his return to the office. I hope this information is helpful.

Carrie

**Carrie Williams**

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Carrie,

I believe the article Madeline references is this one (but maybe not) that includes an EPA statement.

You should also be aware of a letter sent from Senator's Roberts and Inhofe to OIG on Monday also attached.

I will be checking in with a few folks related to our response to Madeline.

Thank you,

Peter

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Hello,

We saw an article stating that EPA had reversed its opinion on grant funding for What's Upstream. Please provide us with a copy of EPA's statement and advise what the Region plans to do regarding the grant. We appreciate your time.

Thanks!  
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**From:** Mullen, Madeline

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